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Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise a sensational basketball team from my district. Saint Peter's University is a small, exceptional school in Jersey City, New Jersey.

This year, Coach Shaheen Holloway's Peacocks became the first 15th seed to reach the Elite Eight of the men's NCAA basketball tournament.

In the first round, the Peacocks shocked the world when they upset Kentucky, the number 2 seed and college basketball powerhouse. They did it again when they beat Murray State and Purdue to get to the Elite Eight.

I was honored to watch the comeback victory over Purdue in the Sweet Sixteen. I did it as a Congressman and proud parent of two Saint Peter's graduates, my sons, Donald III and Jack.

Saint Peter's University will be remembered as one of the most successful teams in the NCAA tournament history, and I am extremely proud to have it in my district.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S FOREIGN POLICY BLUNDERS

(Mr. ROSE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, once again, the President of the United States made a terrible foreign policy blunder when he embarrassingly said that Vladimir Putin cannot remain in power.

Almost immediately, the White House communications team did everything they could to save face and walk back the President's remarks. Thankfully, the Secretary of State issued a statement clarifying the President's comments, saying that the U.S. has no strategy of regime change in Russia.

Unfortunately, it was too little, too late, as Moscow was quick to seize on the President's gaffe to embolden Putin's undeniably false message that Russia is the one under attack.

Mistakes like these directly undermine Ukrainian efforts to protect their sovereignty and stall momentum for peace. President Biden's actions have been misguided from the onset of this war. He has failed to deter Russia, and he was late to give Ukraine the military assistance it so badly needed.

The world expects clear and resolute leadership from the Oval Office. Unfortunately, it doesn't look like there is a chance of that anytime soon.

HONORING OHIO TUSKEGEE AIRMEN DAY

(Mr. CAREY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CAREY. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Ohio Tuskegee Airmen Day.

Most know the Tuskegee Airmen as the first Black pilots in the military

who overcame the headwinds of segregation and racism to achieve unparalleled success during World War II, flying nearly 1,600 missions and destroying over 260 enemy aircraft.

What you may not know is their success continued after the war, both militarily and culturally, in Lockbourne, Ohio.

In 1946, the Tuskegee Airmen arrived at the Lockbourne Army Air Force Base, where they operated the first and only Army Air Force base under the command of Benjamin O. Davis, Jr.

Segregation continued to hinder their opportunities off base, but Lockbourne overcame and was lauded as the best managed base in the Air Force. Their work led President Harry Truman to issue an executive order in 1948 that desegregated the military and mandated equal opportunity and treatment.

I am proud to represent an area of such historical significance and to honor the legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen.

HOPE FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to hope for peace in Ukraine.

Estimates vary, but perhaps over 20,000 people have died in this war already.

Recently, both President Biden and Senator GRAHAM have weighed in on what they feel should happen to Vladimir Putin. Obviously, their language could delay the end of the war and heighten tensions at the peace talks.

Have they cleared their comments with the Ukrainian people, who lose more people every day the war goes on?

Both President Biden and Senator GRAHAM got press from these remarks, and some politicians just care about that.

I encourage all Senators and the President of the United States to remember that they are in the big leagues now, and their careless remarks to get a little bit more press can cost Ukrainian and Russian lives.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SERGEANT AT ARMS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 28, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 3(s) of House Resolution 8, following consultation with the Office of Attending Physician, I write to provide you further notification that the public health emergency due to the novel coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 remains in effect.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM J. WALKER,
Sergeant at Arms.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the extension, pursuant to section 3 of House Resolution 8, and effective March 31, 2022, of the "covered period" designated on January 4, 2021.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE DONALD EDWIN YOUNG

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. GRAVES) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous materials.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL).

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Mr. HILL. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Louisiana for yielding.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my colleagues on this House floor and remember our good friend, the dedicated dean of the House, Congressman Don Young, from the great State of Alaska.

Don had a fire in him. He exuded joy in everything he did. And when he walked into a room, you knew he was there.

Don was passionate in his desire to serve the people of Alaska, and for almost 50 years, he did just that. Don loved this House and chaired two of our key committees, Natural Resources and Transportation.

As a freshman, yes, I, like, so many new members, sat mistakenly in his seat. The big bear growled me away.

Once during a vote series, I voted "no" on a Don Young bill building roads in Alaska and walked out of the Chamber. Three minutes later, the whip team is texting me. Representative ANN WAGNER is texting me: Don Young is screaming your name on the House floor. He wants to know why you voted "no". I went to dinner.

The next morning, I found him and asked if he still needed me. He asked why I was a "no". I told him, and he smiled with that great big smile and asked if I could vote for his Alaskan fishing bill the next week. I said, yes, you bet, Mr. Chairman. You bet.

I would like to extend my condolences to Anne, his children, and all who loved him. Don was a great man who will not be forgotten. May his life of service be an example to us all.

Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from Louisiana.